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SUBJECT: ILO - JACOB SODERMAN, FINNISH GOVERNMENT

REPRESENTATIVE TO ILO GOVERNING BODY

REF: HELSINKI 557

1. REFTTEL INDICATES SODERMAN EXPECTED TO BE CHOSEN CHAIRMAN OF "INQUIRY" PROCEEDINGS RE CHILE.

2. SODERMAN ATTENDS MOST ILO GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS, AND PRESUMABLY CLEARS STATEMENTS MADE BY FINNISH SPOKESMAN, WHO NORMALLY IS MRS. HELENA ROOS OF MIN SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH. FINNISH STATEMENTS THUS FAR HAVE BEEN MODERATE IN CONFIDENTIAL

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TONE, AND CONSTRUCTIVE IN CONTENT. FINNISH DEL HAS GAINED

RESPECT AND REPUTATION OF BEING INTERESTED IN REAL WORK OF THE ILO RATHER THAN IN IRRELEVANT POLITICS. THUS, EVEN THOUGH FINLAND IS DEPUTY MEMBER OF GOVERNING BODY, AND CANNOT VOTE IN GOVERNING BODY, FINNISH DELEGATION'S STATEMENTS ARE LISTENED TO AND DELEGATION DOES HAVE SOME INFLUENCE.

3. ALTHOUGH OUR DEALINGS HAVE BEEN LIMITED, SODERMAN'S BEHAVIOR VIS-A-VIS US DELEGATION HAS BEEN CORRECT AND AMIABLE.

4. BECAUSE OF INFLUENCE FINNISH DELEGATION HAS, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY COME TO HAND ON SODERMAN'S PERFORMANCE AS CHAIRMAN OF "INQUIRY", AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INFORMATION OR VIEWS ON HIM THAT EMBASSY MAY HAVE. KISSINGER

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